


REMARKS

Consideration of the above application as preliminarily amended is respectfully requested. The specification has been amended to include the requisite reference to the international application and its priority application. In addition, a minor typographical error has been corrected on page 11 of the specification. As to the claims, the originally filed claims of the international application (claims 1-24) were cancelled in the First Preliminary Amendment and entered as new claims (25-48) in order to remove multiple dependencies and conform them to US practice. However, the claims had been amended during the international phase under Article 34. These amended claims (1-10) appear as an annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report. This Second Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 25-48 and enters the claims, as amended under Article 34, into the application as new claims 49-58. No new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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